



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 2018-0616-Whitman-13



Public Safety Flood Closure

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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order within the Whitman Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This Order supersedes Forest Order #2018-0616-Whitman-04 and is effective from September 25, 2018 and will be in effect until rescinded or October 1, 2019.

PROHIBITION:

- (1.) Entering or using a developed recreation site described in Appendix A.
36 CFR 261.58(b)

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 25nd of September 2018.

THOMAS MONTOYA
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)



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Appendix A -Areas Described:

Area Closures Descriptions: (see attached map)

Stevens Campground	44°24'0.56"N / 118°19'18.69"W
Elk Creek Campground	44°24'3.30"N / 118°19'43.38"W

Statement of Need:

Significant storm events occurred in September 2017 and June 2018 that caused flash flooding and threatened human life and property. This closure is necessary to address a threat of recurrence and to provide forest visitors protection from hazardous conditions in the South Fork Burnt River area of the Whitman Ranger District.

Enforcement Procedures:

Enforcement will be conducted by FPOs, LEOs and SAs. Discretion will be used in the first couple of days after enacting the order and the preferred method of compliance will be a warning since the goal is to clear the area and protect the public.

Posting:

Posting shall be done by the forest staff at all major access point to the area.

Enforcement Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	9/25/2018
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger, PAO, LEO	n/a

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


THOMAS MONTOYA
Forest Supervisor

/s/Robert Field
Robert Field
Patrol Captain



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SOUTH FORK BURNT RIVER FLOOD AREA Closures Effective September 25, 2018 Closure Order No. 2018-0616-13

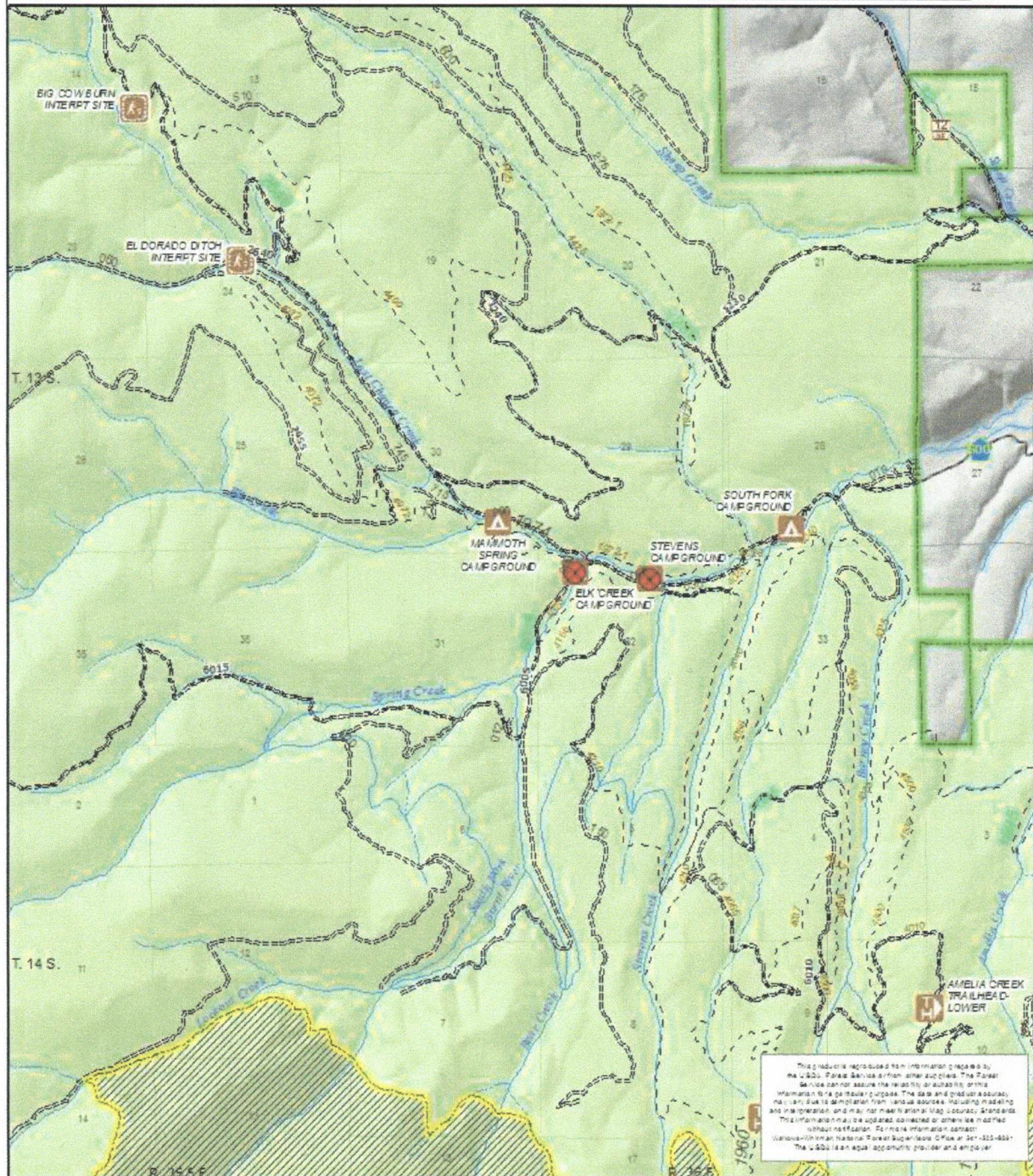
Date: 9/25/2018

This map is current as of September 25, 2018
and will be in effect until rescinded or October 1, 2019.



- Closed Campgrounds
- Campground
- Interpretive Site
- Trailhead
- Trail
- Open Roads
- Wilderness

0 0.175 0.35 0.7 1.05 1.4 miles



CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACTS ANALYSIS
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Pacific Northwest Region (R6)
CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS
Prohibited Acts: Road & Area Closure
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Purpose

The purpose for developing a civil rights impact analysis is to provide the Forest Service decision maker information concerning potential civil rights impacts of the proposed action. Civil rights impacts are those which could affect the agency's ability to ensure equal opportunity in employment and in delivery of programs and services.

Favorable Impacts

The proposed action would:

- ☐ Prohibition provides for public health and safety due to hazardous flood conditions. See Forest Order Number 2018-0616-13 for a list of all prohibited acts that are being incorporated into this closure order. This order would be posted on the ground along with regulatory signs, where applicable.
- ☐ Permit motor vehicle access to fire fighting, emergency, and other exempted uses.

Unfavorable Impacts

The proposed action would:

- ☐ Prohibit all public use on the National Forest System lands in the South Fork Burnt River area, as indicated on attached Exhibit A-Map.

Mitigation Measures


Mitigation would include personal contacts by Forest Service and Law Enforcement personnel at key access points to explain the purpose of the closure.

Social Impacts

The proposed action does not impose any unreasonable adverse impacts on the civil rights of any individuals because the closure categories are of general applicability. The overall benefits are reasonable, as compared to the unfavorable impacts.

Net Civil Rights Impact

No net negative Civil Rights Impacts because the closure categories are general in applicability and will apply equally to all individuals within the area depicted on Exhibit A-Map.


Thomas Montoya
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman N.F.

9/25/18
Date